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SUBJECT: S TRADE ACT: OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 20

REF: A) STATE 9730

B) STATE 278251

C) STATE 5883

D) STATE 8935

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1. AS EXPECTED, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE PERMANENT

COUNCIL OF THE OAS WILL BE CONVENED AT 10:00 MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20 TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF THE US TRADE ACT OF 1974 FOR OAS MEMBERS. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OUR OAS COLLEAGUES REGARDING THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE MEETINGS, AND THE INSTRUCTIONS THEY ARE RECEIVING FROM THEIR HOME GOVERNMENTS.

2. BASED ON THESE CONVERSATIONS, OUR PRESENT EXPECTATION IS THAT THE DEBATE WILL BE GENERALLY MODERATE IN TONE.

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD PRIVATELY, FOR INSTANCE, THAT SOME LATINS ARE UNHAPPY OVER THE STRONG LANGUAGE OF THE LETTER REQUESTING THE SPECIAL SESSION (REF TEL A). (WE ARE FULLY AWARE, HOWEVER, OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF OUR MORE VOLATILE BRETHREN WILL BE UNABLE TO RESTRAIN THEMSELVES.) THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WILL BE A RESOLUTION OF SOME SORT WHICH WOULD REFER TO LA CONCERNS ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, RECALL THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE LATIN/CARRIBEAN GROUP IN THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION (REFTEL B), AND RECOMMEND THAT THE ISSUE BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE APRIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS. WE FEEL AT THIS POINT THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION WILL RECOMMEND THE CONVENING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION, AN ACTION,

WHICH IF RECOMMENDED, WE BELIEVE WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL.

IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW LONG THE SPECIAL SESSION

WILL GO ON, BUT THERE IS TALK OF A 2-3 DAY MEETING.

3. US WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE TRADE ACT, AND WILL
HAVE MIDDLE LEVEL EXPERTS ON THE ACT PRESENT. WE HAVE
SUGGESTED THAT A MODERATE AND REASONED DEBATE WOULD BE
MORE HELPFUL TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED, THAN
WOULD STRIDENT CONDEMNATIONS OF THE US.

4. OUR BASIC GUIDANCE REMAINS AS SPELLED OUT IN STATE
5883, AND STATE 8935.

5. POSTS SHOULD BE ALERT TO INFORMATION ABOUT INSTRUC-
TIONS HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE SENDING THEIR OAS
REPRESENTATIVES, AND REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. KISSINGER

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